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For: **Cushioned Carpet, Carpet Tile, and Method**

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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Office Action mailed on January 8, 2003, please enter the amendments and remarks as set forth below. At this time it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims stand in condition for allowance. Accordingly, all outstanding rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested at this time.

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